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1. The Sverma Iron Works (Svermove zeleziarne) in Podbrezova (N 48-49, E 19-32) manufactures general rolled steel products. Semisteel is produced to a small extent, but the main emphasis is on the manufacture of seamless tubes which can be produced up to 10 inches in diameter. The wall thickness of the tubes is limited but the quality of the products turned out has a high reputation in the Czech iron and steel industry.
2. The main installations consist of two pre-war blast furnaces, one old tube rolling mill, and one old rolling mill. Some 1,500 to 2,000 workers are employed. Three full shifts are being worked. The works operate at present at full capacity. The products are largely for domestic consumption.
3. Some discussion of the possible expansion of these works has taken place in the last few years in the Planning Department of the Ministry of Foundries and Ore Mines.
4. The plant has the reputation of being well run and has no particular labor problems or bottlenecks. The source of power is thermoelectric.
5. The managing director of the plant is Almasy (fnu). He is a fairly sound technician of no pronounced Communist views.

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